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VIA ECF & EMAIL

The Honorable Nelson S. Román
United States District Court Judge
Southern District of New York
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601

**Re: *United States v. Chukwuemeka Okparaeké,*
 17 Cr. 225 (NSR)**

Dear Judge Román:

We have been assigned as legal advisors to Chukwuemeka Okparaeké in the above-referenced matter. Mr. Okparaeké is currently scheduled to be sentenced on February 2, 2020. The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that Mr. Okparaeké's sentencing be adjourned for six weeks. Mr. Okparaeké's unit at the Metropolitan Detention Center has been locked down since approximately December 3, 2020, Mr. Okparaeké has not had access to a computer. Additionally, Mr. Okparaeké presently has COVID-19. An adjournment of six weeks will allow Mr. Okparaeké sufficient time to review the PSR and draft his sentencing submission. This is Mr. Okparaeké's first request for an adjournment of his sentencing. The Government consents to this request. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Mr. Okparaeké's sentencing be adjourned for approximately six weeks, to the week of March 22, 2021, or a date that is convenient to the Court. The Court's time and consideration of this matter are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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